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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.-13. (Canceled)

14. (Four Times Amended) A computer information system, comprising:

a provider for providing information to a recipient;

said provider charging a different amount to said recipient depending upon whether recording of said information in a medium is effected; and

recording of said information in said medium is effected responsive to detection of an identifier in said medium.

15. (Newly Added) A computer information system according to claim 14, further comprising transmission means for transmitting said information to the recipient.

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Four Times Amended) A method of processing information, said method comprising the steps of:

providing information to a recipient;

charging a different amount depending upon whether recording of said information in a medium is effected; and

effecting recording of said information in said medium responsive to detection of an identifier in said medium.

18. (Four Times Amended) A method of processing information, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving information from a provider;

charging a different amount depending upon whether recording of said information in a medium is effected; and

effecting recording of said information in said medium responsive to detection of an identifier in said medium.

19. (Four Times Amended) A computer information system, comprising:

a recipient for receiving information from a provider;

said recipient being charged a different amount depending upon whether recording of said information in a medium is effected; and

recording of said information in said medium is effected responsive to detection of an identifier in said medium.

20. (Cancelled).

21. (Four Times Amended) A signal transmitted from a recipient of information to a provider of information, said signal indicating whether said information is recorded in a medium responsive to detection of an identifier in said medium, wherein said information is charged differently depending upon said signal irrespective of whether said information is viewed.

22. (Four Times Amended) A method of processing information, said method comprising the step of:

transmitting a signal from a recipient of information to a provider of information, said signal indicating whether said information is recorded in a medium responsive to detection of an identifier in said medium, wherein said information is charged differently depending upon said signal irrespective of whether said information is viewed.

23.-36. (Cancelled).

37. (Newly Added) An information receiver comprising:

a receiving unit to receive information; and

a recording unit to record the information in a medium,

the recording of the information in the medium being effected based on detection of an identifier in the medium, and

a different amount being charged based on whether the information is recorded in the medium.

38. (Newly Added) The information receiver according to claim 37, further comprising:

a terminal device to output the information.

39. (Newly Added) - The information receiver according to claim 37, the terminal device is a display unit.

40. (Newly Added) The information receiver according to claim 37, further comprising:

an information designating unit to designate the information.

41. (Newly Added) The information receiver according to claim 37, further comprising:

an identifier; and

an informing unit to inform that the identifier is wrong if the identifier is not registered.

42. (Newly Added) The information receiver according to claim 37,

the information includes at least one of audio and video information, audio information, video information, a computer program.